IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: T. WILFORD

Application No.: 09/839,562

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For: GRAFT FIXATION SYSTEM

AND METHOD

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Unassigned

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TO 3700 MAIL ROOM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following remarks into the file of this application prior to examination thereof. Applicant submits herewith:

- (1) a marked-up version of specification page 10 and specification page 14, showing <u>insertions</u>, attached hereto as Exhibit A;
- (2) a substitute specification page 10 and a substitute specification page 14, attached hereto as Exhibit B;
- (3) a marked-up version of amended drawing Fig. 14, a marked-up version of amended drawing Fig. 16, and a marked-up version of amended drawing Fig. 17, attached hereto as Exhibit C; and
- (4) a set of substitute formal drawings, attached hereto as Exhibit D.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A marked up version of specification page 10 and a marked up version of specification page 14 are attached as Exhibit A. Substitute specification page 10 and substitute specification page 14 are attached as Exhibit B. The following amendments refer to the specification as <u>originally</u> filed: